

# The Confederate Flag: Should We get Rid of It?

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Okay, so what's wrong with me? In celebration of slain Civil Rights Leader Martin Luther King's day (week?) if I watch enough news, I should be out there with my black brethren yelling, screaming and looking to burn every free waving Southern Cross I run across. So what's wrong? Shouldn't I be offended as well?

In a way, yes. I am. And here's why:

I had ancestors who fought on both sides of that war – which was anything but civil.

Surprised?

Yes, in Northern Mississippi in fact. Cousin against cousin. One man trying to protect what was his, and one who escaped slavery only to be drafted into taking his cousin's land away. This little fact, along with all the arguments about Southern Heritage, Southern Pride and Remembering the Gentlemen who in died war gets lost in all the noise about why it's so "insensitive."

...And I am just fed up with it.

More than that, I'm fed up with the yellow-bellied, white guys who don't have the guts to fight back on the issue. I know, no one wants to get labeled the "R" word. To politicians, it's a label that's worse than being called a liar, an adulterer or a draft dodger. And heaven knows, you white guys in the public sector better not even bring it up at work or in public. There's a civil rights lawsuit with your name on it. Yet, I know how many of you – especially you folks south of the Mason-Dixon line must feel right now.

Wanna fight back?

Hold my coat for a minute...

Where were these protests against OUR Confederate battle flag for the last 135 years? Why are these black people allowing themselves to be manipulated by the media and their left-wing, so-called "black leadership?" Whenever I hear a black person talk about this flag issue, I ask them the same questions. Do you know how long that flag has been flying over those state capitals? Haven't you seen them there before? The answer from most blacks I talk to out west is, "who cares?"

Not good enough for the National Association for the Advancement of Career Politicians (NAACP). Not good enough for these modern-day "Plantation Pimps" who can't find any other juvenile criminals to fight for so now they retaliate by "dissing" a great hunk of American culture. This is ONLY being done to pander to black voters this political season. You see, back in 1992, folks just decided to burn down Los Angeles while liberal politicians mailed gasoline to the rioters. This time, let's burn down a heritage instead.

I hope some black person is reading this right now and fuming. You should be. If you think the Confederate flag is insulting to you, you are being used, or as we say it in the hood, you bein' played – for a fool. By who? Not by those *evil* conservatives, but by the liberal white man. The ones who'll take your votes, then tell you you're not good enough to make it on your own.

But there is no sense giving you the same argument many of the Southern Ladies and Gentleman are trying to give now. You don't want to hear them, anyway.



Let's talk about "insensitivity," shall we?

If you don't mind, some of us with southern roots are going to find every Vietnamese American citizen in this country, bus them to Washington, D.C. and protest to have the Vietnam Memorial removed from the park. Why stop there? On the way to Washington, we might as well grab every citizen with German or Japanese ancestors. With enough noise, we can get rid of that World War II Memorial, too. After all, These people all had relatives who were killed by the men and women America honors at those Memorials. You liberal, nothing-else-better-to-do black folks wouldn't mind, would you?

Yes. Let that sink in real good. That's what you're doing to these good people of the South. You are DESECRATING THEIR MEMORIAL... Check that – Our Memorial.

What ever happened to Diversity? Tolerance? Must be a one sided thing.

Don't give me that "Symbol of Slavery" bull\*\*\*\*. If that were the case, turn in all those 1, 20, 50, and 100 dollar bills. The faces on these bills were men who were leaders when many blacks were slaves. But let's get down and dirty, shall we?

The worst riot in American history was not in Los Angeles. It was in New York, back in 1863. You see, there were a bunch of people who, like during Vietnam, didn't want be conscripted (read: drafted) to serve in an unjust war. Talk to your President about that. Over 1200 people died in just two days. Most when President Lincoln sent federal troops in to put down the "rebellion." Oh, by the way, 83 blacks were lynched in those two days – right there in The Big Apple. So, which flag do you *really* want taken down?

But since we're all told to boycott, will those leftist, black elected leaders in South Carolina boycott the Statehouse while its in session? I doubt it. Will they avoid buying goods in their own state? Doubt it. Our forefathers who wrote the Constitution gave all of us a way to deal with a state's policies we didn't like. That's what the South was fighting for. It was not about slavery. If that were the case, we'd be bombing China right now, and we would not accept license plates made with prison labor right here in the good ol' USA.

Oh...What's the black population percentage in prison these days, anyway?

The multicultural extremists can't call me racist, but in the black socialist community, they have even uglier words for people who refuse to live on that "plantation," such as me. Just ask Clarence Thomas.

So let that flag wave proudly as a monument to the last Army in this country that actually fought for the Constitution. I am proud to have ancestors who fought with them. And for those people who don't want their state to fly the Southern Cross, here a solution that's much easier than protesting...

...leave.

There's a term for it. Its called "white flight."

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